

# An overview of the Baum-Connes conjecture

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# Introduction

# The Kadison-Kaplansky conjecture

Remark:  $\mathbb{C}[\Gamma]$  replace by  $C_r^*(\Gamma) := \overline{\lambda(\mathbb{C}[\Gamma])}$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  left regular rep.

- Let  $\Gamma$  be a (countable) discrete group.
- How to construct idempotents in  $\mathbb{C}[\Gamma]$ ?
  - ▶ Assume that  $\Gamma$  has non-trivial torsion.
    - ▶ Let  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  of order  $n > 1$ .
    - ▶ If  $\omega$  is a  $n$ th root of unity, then the element

$$p_\omega := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \omega^i \gamma^i \quad p_\omega^2 = p_\omega$$

is an idempotent in  $\mathbb{C}[\Gamma]$ .

- ▶ Assume that  $\Gamma$  is torsion-free.
  - ▶ We don't know how to construct idempotents  $\neq 0, 1$ .

## Kadison-Kaplansky conjecture (1949)

If  $\Gamma$  is torsion-free, then  $C_r^*(\Gamma)$  has no nontrivial idempotents.

- If  $\Gamma$  is abelian, then we have (Pontryagin duality)

$\hat{\Gamma}$ , compact  
discrete.

$$C_r^*(\Gamma) \cong C(\hat{\Gamma}).$$

→ Fourier Transform.

- Moreover, the following are equivalent:

Th.  
(Pontryagin)

- || ①  $C_r^*(\Gamma)$  has no nontrivial idempotents,  
②  $\hat{\Gamma}$  is connected,  
③  $\Gamma$  is torsion-free. ||

Algebraic question of the beginning  
turns into a topological  
condition.

# K-theory

- Let  $A$  be a (unital)  $C^*$ -algebra.  $\rightarrow K_0$ : built from projections.  
 $\rightarrow K_1$ : built from unitaries.
- We will look at two kind of elements: self-adjoint idempotents and unitaries.  
 $\mathcal{P}_\infty(A) := \bigcup_n \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{M}_n(A))$ 
  - Given  $p, q \in \mathcal{P}_\infty(A)$ , we put  
 $p \sim_0 q \Leftrightarrow \exists v \in \mathcal{M}_\bullet(A)$  such that  $p = v^*v$  and  $q = vv^*$   
*edit edit Murray-von Neumann  $n \times m$*
  - Given  $u, v \in \mathcal{U}_\infty(A)$ , we put  
 $\mathcal{U}_\infty(A) := \bigcup_n \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{M}_n(A)) = \varinjlim \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{M}_n(A))$
- $u \sim_1 v \Leftrightarrow \exists k \geq \max\{n_u, n_v\}$  such that  $u \oplus 1_{k-n_u} \sim_h v \oplus 1_{k-n_v}$
- Put  $K_0(A) := \text{Gr}(\mathcal{P}_\infty(A) / \sim_0)$  and  $K_1(A) := \mathcal{U}_\infty(A) / \sim_1$ .  
 $\{ [p]_0, [q]_0 \}$   $\xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{U}_0(A) / \mathcal{U}_\infty(A)_0$

## Examples

Remark: No says  $p$  and  $q$  have the same range ( $\Leftrightarrow$  same trace).

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

■ If  $A := \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ , then

$$K_0(\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})) \cong \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } K_1(\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})) \cong (0)$$

$$\text{Tr. } \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  additive

$\hookrightarrow 0 \mapsto 0$ .

$\hookrightarrow \text{Tr preserves no}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{universal} \\ \text{property} \end{array} \right\}$   
of  $K_0$

Fact:  $U(\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C}))$  is connected.

$$K_0(\text{Tr}): K_0(\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  it's isn.

$$\mathbb{C}[\Gamma] \cong C_r^*(\Gamma) \cong \bigoplus_{n_1} M_{n_1}(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \cdots \oplus M_{n_r}(\mathbb{C})$$

 $\Rightarrow$ 

- If  $\Gamma$  is a finite group, then

where  $r = \#$  conjugacy classes of  $\Gamma$ .

$$K_0(\mathbb{C}[\Gamma]) \cong R(\Gamma) \text{ and } K_1(\mathbb{C}[\Gamma]) \cong (0)$$

$K_0$  and  $K_1$  are additive.

Ingredients: (1) suspension:  $SA := A \otimes C_0(\mathbb{R})$ .

(2) Bott periodicity:  $K_0(A) \cong K_1(SA)$

(3)  $K_*(\tilde{A}) \cong K_*(A) \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

■ If  $A := C(S^1)$ , then

$$K_0(C(S^1)) \cong \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } K_1(C(S^1)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

•  $SC = C_0(\mathbb{R})$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} K_0(\mathbb{C}) \cong K_1(C_0(\mathbb{R})) \Rightarrow K_1(C_0(\mathbb{R})) \cong \mathbb{Z} \\ K_1(\mathbb{C}) \cong K_0(C_0(\mathbb{R})) \Rightarrow K_0(C_0(\mathbb{R})) \cong (0). \end{cases}$$

•  $S^1 := 1\text{-point compact. of } \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow C(S^1) \cong \tilde{C_0(\mathbb{R})}$

$$\Rightarrow K_*(C(S^1)) \cong K_*(C_0(\mathbb{R})) \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$



# $K$ -homology : Atiyah in the operator algebraic framework.

- $X$ , locally compact space with  $\Gamma \curvearrowright X$  by homeomorphisms  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\Gamma \curvearrowright C_0(X): \gamma \cdot f(x) := f(\gamma^{-1}x), \forall \gamma \in \Gamma, x \in X, f \in C_0(X).$

## Generalized elliptic $\Gamma$ -operator

A generalized elliptic  $\Gamma$ -operator on  $X$  is a triple  $((H, u), \pi, F)$  where  $\pi$ -cycle

- $u$  is a unitary representation of  $\Gamma$  on the Hilbert space  $H$ ,
- $\pi : C_0(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(H)$  is a  $\Gamma$ -equivariant  $*$ -homomorphism
- and  $F \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  self-adjoint

$\leadsto$  notion of homotopy

such that

$$(*) \quad \pi(f)(F^2 - id), [\pi(f), F], \pi(f)(\gamma \cdot F - F) \in \mathcal{K}(H),$$

for all  $f \in C_0(X)$  and all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

## K-homology

$$\blacksquare \quad K_1^\Gamma(X) := K_\Gamma^1(C_0(X)) := \frac{\text{gener. elliptic } \Gamma\text{-operators}}{\text{"homotopy"}}.$$

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$$\hookrightarrow H := H_0 \oplus H_1$$

$$\hookrightarrow u = \begin{pmatrix} u_0 & 0 \\ 0 & u_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hookrightarrow F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P^* \\ P & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (F \text{ self-adjoint})$$

## Examples

$$\Rightarrow C_0(X) = \mathbb{C}$$

- If  $\Gamma$  is finite and  $X := \{*\}$ , then

►  $K_0^\Gamma(\{*\}) \cong R(\Gamma).$

►  $K_1^\Gamma(\{*\}) \cong (0).$

$$R(\Gamma) \longrightarrow K_0^\Gamma(\{*\})$$

$$[u_0] - [u_1] \mapsto \left[ \begin{pmatrix} u_0 & 0 \\ 0 & u_1 \end{pmatrix}, \pi, 0 \right]$$

scalar  
multip.

Spectral properties  
of  $\mathbb{F}$

## Examples

■ If  $\Gamma := \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $X := \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}$  by translation, then

▶  $H := L^2(\mathbb{R})$  with representation  $u$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  given by

$$\rightarrow u_n(f)(t) := f(t - n) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}), t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

▶  $\pi : C_0(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(L^2(\mathbb{R}))$  defined by (pointwise) multiplication.

technical. ▶  $F : L^2(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})$  given by multiplication by  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ .

▶  $[((L^2(\mathbb{R}), u), \pi, F)] \in K_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{R}). \cong \mathbb{Z}, K_0(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

$\hookrightarrow$  generators

# Kasparov $KK$ -theory

- Generalisation of both  $K$ -theory and  $K$ -homology.
  - Bifunctor  $KK(\cdot, \cdot)$  defined on (separable)  $C^*$ -algebras.
    - ▶  $KK(A, B)$  is an abelian group. : *generalized p.r.-hom. between  $A, B$ .*
    - ▶  $KK(\mathbb{C}, B) = K_0(B)$ .  *$\rightsquigarrow$   $K$ -theory*
    - ▶  $KK(A, \mathbb{C}) = K^0(A)$ .  *$\rightsquigarrow$   $K$ -homology.*
    - ▶ Kasparov product  $\xrightarrow{\quad}$  *composition law.*
- $$\bigotimes_C : KK(A, C) \times KK(C, B) \longrightarrow KK(A, B).$$
- ...

- $\Gamma$ -equivariant version:  $KK^\Gamma(A, B) \rightsquigarrow$  descent principle:

$$j_\Gamma : KK^\Gamma(A, B) \longrightarrow KK(A \rtimes_r \Gamma, B \rtimes_r \Gamma)$$

# The BC assembly map

# General ideas

## ■ Problems.

- ▶ It is hard to extract structural information of  $C_r^*(\Gamma)$ .
- ▶ It is hard to compute  $K_*(C_r^*(\Gamma))$ .
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analyzed.



A model for  $E\Gamma$ 

$X$  is locally of the form  $\Gamma \ltimes (Y)$  =  $\Gamma \ltimes Y$  / diagonal action.

■  $X$ , Hausdorff space.

■  $\Gamma \curvearrowright X$  by homeomorphisms.  $\longrightarrow$  is induced from a finite subgroup.

## Proper action

We say that  $X$  is a proper  $\Gamma$ -space or that the action  $\Gamma \curvearrowright X$  is proper if for every  $x \in X$  there exists a triple  $(U_x, \Lambda_x, \rho_x)$  where

- $U_x$  is a  $\Gamma$ -invariant open neighborhood of  $x$ ,
- $\Lambda_x$  is a finite subgroup of  $\Gamma$
- and  $\rho_x : U_x \longrightarrow \Gamma/\Lambda_x$  is a  $\Gamma$ -invariant map.

## A model for $\underline{E}\Gamma$

- If  $\Gamma$  is finite  $\Rightarrow$  every action of  $\Gamma$  is proper  $\Rightarrow \underline{E}\Gamma = \text{pt}$
- If  $\Gamma$  is torsion-free  $\Rightarrow$  we recover the notion of  $\underline{E}\Gamma$  def.  $\underline{E}\Gamma = \text{pt}$  skide before

### Universal example

A universal example for proper actions of  $\Gamma$ , denoted by  $\underline{E}\Gamma$  is a proper  $\Gamma$ -space such that if  $X$  is another proper  $\Gamma$ -space, then there exists a  $\Gamma$ -map  $X \rightarrow \underline{E}\Gamma$ , and any two  $\Gamma$ -maps from  $X$  to  $\underline{E}\Gamma$  are  $\Gamma$ -homotopic.

- $\underline{E}\Gamma$  is unique up to  $\Gamma$ -homotopy.

(\*1)  $\underline{E}\Gamma$  always exists.

universal  
principal bundle  
of the classifying  
space of  $\Gamma$ .

# A model for $\underline{E}\Gamma$

## Probability measures with finite support

$$\underline{E}\Gamma := \{f : \Gamma \longrightarrow [0, 1] \mid f \text{ has finite support and } \sum_{x \in \Gamma} f(x) = 1\}$$

- $\underline{E}\Gamma$  is a metric space with the sup-norm:

$$\|f - g\|_{\infty} := \sup_{x \in \Gamma} \{|f(x) - g(x)|\}, \quad \forall f, g \in \underline{E}\Gamma.$$

- $\Gamma \curvearrowright \underline{E}\Gamma$  properly via

$$\gamma \cdot f(x) := f(\gamma^{-1}x), \quad \forall x, \gamma \in \Gamma, f \in \underline{E}\Gamma.$$

- $\underline{E}\Gamma$  is a universal example for proper actions of  $\Gamma$ .

# Construction of the assembly map

want understand.

■ Right hand side:  $K_*(C_r^*(\Gamma))$ .

■ Left hand side:  $K_*^{top}(\Gamma) = \varinjlim_{\substack{X \subset E\Gamma \\ \Gamma\text{-compact}}} K_*^\Gamma(X)$

:  $\mathbb{K}$ -equiv  
K-homology with  
compact support.

■ We can construct a group homomorphism

$$\mu^\Gamma : K_*^{top}(\Gamma) \longrightarrow K_*(C_r^*(\Gamma)).$$

Assembly  
map.

Th.

- ▶ Baum-Connes-Higson's approach  $\rightsquigarrow$  deal directly with  $K$ -homology.
- ▶ Kasparov's approach  $\rightsquigarrow$  use  $KK$ -theory + descent principle.



## Baum-Connes conjecture (1982)

We say that  $\Gamma$  satisfies the Baum-Connes conjecture if the assembly map

$$\mu^\Gamma : K_*^{\text{top}}(\Gamma) \longrightarrow K_*(C_r^*(\Gamma))$$

is an isomorphism.

## Some consequences

- ① If the  $BC$  conjecture is true, then we would have a method to compute  $K_*(C_r^*(\Gamma))$ : through topological/geometrical techniques.
-  ②  $\mu^\Gamma$  surjective  $\Rightarrow$  Kadison-Kaplansky conjecture for  $\Gamma$  holds.
-  ③  $\mu^\Gamma$  injective  $\Rightarrow$  consequences in geometry (*existence of specific invariants on manifolds*  $\rightsquigarrow$  *Novikov conjecture*).

## Perspectives of the conjecture

## Elementary examples

■ If  $\Gamma := e$ , then  $C_r^*({e}) = \mathbb{C}$  and  $\underline{E}\{e\} = \{*\}$ .

■ If  $\Gamma$  is finite, then  $C_r^*(\Gamma) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{M}_{k_i}(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\underline{E}\Gamma = \{*\}$ .

abstractly  
isom.

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*abelian*  $\rightarrow$  *Pontryagin*  $\rightarrow$  *torian*  $\rightarrow$  *rev.*

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# How to tackle the conjecture?

- Most of the known proofs of BC are based in this method and it was formalised by J.-L. Tu (1999).

- Put  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma := \{\text{proper } \Gamma - C^* - \text{algebras}\}$ :

- Assume that there exist

- ①  $A \in \mathcal{L}_\Gamma$ ,  *$\kappa$ -homol.*
- ②  $\alpha \in KK^\Gamma(A, \mathbb{C})$  (*Dirac element*),
- ③ and  $\beta \in KK^\Gamma(\mathbb{C}, A)$  (*dual Dirac element*)  
such that  $\gamma := \underbrace{\beta \otimes_A \alpha}_{\text{has p.p.v.}} = \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{C}} \in KK^\Gamma(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C})$ .

$\text{Ind}_\Lambda^\Gamma(B)$ ,  $\Lambda \subset T$  finite.  
Construct a  
"8-element"  
(+ condition).  
always!!  
injective  
of  $\mu^\Gamma$

Then the **Baum-Connes conjecture** holds for  $\Gamma$ !

## Obstructions?

Property (T) "trivial rep. is an isolated point among unitary reps of  $\Gamma$ ".

// Theorem (V. Lafforgue, 2012)

If  $\Gamma$  is a hyperbolic group, then  $\Gamma$  satisfies the Baum-Connes conjecture.

- ▶ Many hyperbolic groups have property (T): lattices in symplectic groups.
- ▶ Very rare to find (infinite) discrete groups with property (T) for which we know to show the BC conjecture...

$\gamma$ -element  $\in KK^T(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C})$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  underlying rep.  $\pi$

$\mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{C}} \in KK^T(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C})$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  underlying rep. = trivial.

## Other positive answers

Haagerup property : " $\exists$  unit. rep. of  $\Gamma$  "containing" the trivial"

Theorem (N. Higson & G. Kasparov, 2001)

If  $\Gamma$  has the Haagerup property, then  $\Gamma$  satisfies the Baum-Connes conjecture.

- Very large class of groups: abelian, finite, amenable,  $K$ -amenable...

↳ Construct a  $\sigma$ -element and  $\sigma = \Delta_-$

## Beyond discrete groups

- $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow G$ , locally compact group.
  - $G \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{G}$ , locally compact groupoid.
  - Groups  $\rightsquigarrow X$  metric spaces: coarse geometry.
- ...
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$C_r^*(G)$  when  $A = \mathbb{C}$

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## Beyond geometry

So far, the formulation of BC has a fundamental geometrical component...

Can we obtain a *quantum* Baum-Connes conjecture?

Groups,  $G \rightsquigarrow$  Quantum Groups,  $\mathbb{G}$



## Meyer-Nest's approach

# General ideas

## ■ Problems.

- ▶ The geometry behind BC avoids its translation into a *quantum* framework.
- ▶ The BC assembly map makes sense only for  $K$ -theory  $\rightsquigarrow$  define a BC assembly map for other equivariant homology theories?
- ▶  $K_*^{top}(\Gamma)$  creates, sometimes, more problems than  $K_*(C_r^*(\Gamma))$ .

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- ▶ Adopt a *categorical* approach.
- ▶ Find *generating* subcategory:  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma \rightsquigarrow$  *torsion* of  $\Gamma$ .
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# The Kasparov category

- If  $\Gamma$  is a (countable) discrete group,  $\mathcal{K}\mathcal{K}^\Gamma$  denotes the  $\Gamma$ -equivariant Kasparov category:
  - ▶  $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{K}\mathcal{K}^\Gamma) :=$  separable  $\Gamma$ - $C^*$ -algebras.
  - ▶  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{K}\mathcal{K}^\Gamma}(A, B) := KK^\Gamma(A, B)$ .
- Suspension of  $C^*$ -algebras,  $\Sigma$ , is an auto-equivalence (by Bott periodicity).
- Given an equivariant  $*$ -homomorphism  $f : A \longrightarrow B$ , a mapping cone triangle is the following diagram

$$\Sigma(B) \longrightarrow C_f \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B.$$

- **Theorem** (Meyer-Nest, 2006):  $(\mathcal{K}\mathcal{K}^\Gamma, \Sigma, \Delta_\Sigma)$  is a triangulated category.

## Choice of the complementary pair in $\mathcal{K}\mathcal{K}^\Gamma$

- $\mathcal{F} :=$  family of all finite subgroups of  $\Gamma$ .
- *Compactly induced objects:*

$$\mathcal{L}_\Gamma := \langle \{A \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{K}\mathcal{K}^\Gamma) \mid A \cong \text{Ind}_\Lambda^\Gamma(B), \Lambda \in \mathcal{F}, B \in \mathcal{K}\mathcal{K}^\Lambda\} \rangle.$$

- *Compactly contractible objects:*

$$\mathcal{N}_\Gamma := \{A \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{K}\mathcal{K}^\Gamma) \mid \text{Res}_\Lambda^\Gamma(A) \cong (0) \ \forall \Lambda \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

- **Theorem** (Meyer-Nest, 2006):  $(\mathcal{L}_\Gamma, \mathcal{N}_\Gamma)$  is a complementary pair in  $\mathcal{K}\mathcal{K}^\Gamma$ .

## Categorifying the assembly map

- Consider the functor

$$\begin{aligned} F : \mathcal{KK}^{\Gamma} &\longrightarrow \mathcal{A}b^{\mathbb{Z}/2} \\ A &\longmapsto F(A) := K_* (A \rtimes_r \Gamma) \end{aligned}$$

- The *categorical Baum-Connes assembly map* is the natural transformation

$$\eta^{\Gamma} : \mathbb{L}F \longrightarrow F$$

## Categorical Baum-Connes conjecture

- We say that  $\Gamma$  satisfies the *(categorical) Baum-Connes conjecture* if  $\eta^\Gamma$  is a natural equivalence.
  - We say that  $\Gamma$  satisfies the **strong** *(categorical) Baum-Connes conjecture* if  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{K} \mathcal{K}^\Gamma$ .
- *Strong* Baum-Connes conjecture  $\longleftrightarrow$  Dirac-dual Dirac method.



# Reformulation

## Reformulation of BC (*R. Meyer & R. Nest, 2006*)

The following assertions are equivalent:

- 1  $\Gamma$  satisfies the Baum-Connes conjecture (with coefficients):  $\mu_A^\Gamma$  is an isomorphism, for every  $\Gamma$ - $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ .
- 2 The natural transformation  $\eta^\Gamma : \mathbb{L}F \longrightarrow F$  is a natural equivalence.

## Reformulation II

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- 2  $F(A) = K(A \rtimes_r \Gamma) = (0)$ , for every  $\Gamma$ - $C^*$ -algebra  $A \in \mathcal{N}$ .
- 3 If  $A, B$  are  $\Gamma$ - $C^*$ -algebras such that  $K(A \rtimes_r \Lambda) \cong K(B \rtimes_r \Lambda)$  for every  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $K(A \rtimes_r \Gamma) \cong K(B \rtimes_r \Gamma)$ .

- **Main problem:** what is torsion for  $\mathbb{T}$  and how to handle it in the previous framework?
  - ▶  $\mathbb{A} \leq \mathbb{T}$  yields torsion for  $\mathbb{T}$ .
  - ▶ The family of finite discrete quantum subgroups of  $\mathbb{T}$  **does not** cover the whole torsion phenomena for  $\mathbb{T}$ !
  - ▶ The Induction-Restriction approach must be revisited  $\rightsquigarrow$  how to choose the complementary pair in  $\mathcal{KH}^{\mathbb{T}}$ ?

## Some results

Madison-Kaplansky.

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- BC for basic examples:  $\widehat{SU_q(2)}$ ,  $\widehat{O^+(n)}$ ,  $\widehat{U^+(n)}$ ,  $\widehat{S_N^+}$  (C. Voigt and R. Vergnioux, 2011-2015).

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- $K$ -theory computations for their  $C^*$ -algebras.
- Stability of BC: it passes through the free product construction (C. Voigt - R. Vergnioux, 2013), it passes through the quantum semi-direct product construction (R. M., 2017), it passes through the free wreath product construction (A. Freslon - R. M., 2017).

## ■ Torsion phenomena:

- Classification results:  $S_N^+$  (C. Voigt, 2015),  $\mathbb{G} \wr_* S_N^+$  (A. Freslon - R. M., 2017),  $\Gamma \rtimes \mathbb{G}$  (P. Fima - R.M., in progress), projective torsion is given by projective representations (K. De Commer - R. Nest - R. M., in preparation).
- Stability of torsion-freeness: it passes through the free product construction (Y. Arano - K. De Commer, 2015), it passes through the quantum semi-direct product construction (R. M., 2017), it passes through divisible discrete quantum subgroups (R. M., 2020).

■ BC formulation:

- ▶ Candidate for  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma$  (*within the works of C. Voigt*).
- ▶  $(\mathcal{L}_\Gamma, \mathcal{N}_\Gamma)$  is complementary in  $\mathcal{KH}^\Gamma$  (Y. Arano - A. Skalski, 2020).
- ▶  $(\mathcal{L}_\Gamma, \mathcal{N}_\Gamma)$  is complementary in  $\mathcal{KH}^\Gamma$  when  $\Gamma$  is permutation torsion-free (K. De Commer - R. Nest - R. M., *in preparation*).

# Conclusion

- Understanding the structure of group  $C^*$ -algebras.
  - ▶ Geometry.
  - ▶ Analysis.
  - ▶ Representation theory.
  - ▶ Category theory.
- Linking mathematics of different flavour and nature.

# Thank you!